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TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY CHARLES W. ROBINSON

TO PHILIPPINES: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

REF: MANILA 11375

1. WHILE WE SEE NO REASON FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON TO AVOID PRESS DURING MANILA VISIT, WE CONSIDER THAT ANY COMMENTS TO PRESS, WHETHER IN JOINT STATEMENT OR ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, SHOULD BE PHRASED IN BROAD GENERALITIES AND AVOID SPECIFICS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THOUGHTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCORPORATED INTO WHICHEVER FORMAT IS DECIDED UPON:

A. SECRETARY KISSINGER SINCERELY REGRETTED HIS INABILITY

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TO COME TO MANILA IN AUGUST AS HE HAD HOPED TO DO AND

ASKED DEPUTY SECRETARY TO COME IN HIS STEAD TO REVIEW WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY ROMULO THE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REAFFIRM THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR PROMPT AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

B. TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY ROMULO WERE MOST USEFUL AND THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE REINFORCED OUR BELIEF THAT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMUNIQUE OF OUR TWO PRESIDENTS LAST DECEMBER AND WITH THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO IN APRIL CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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